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Jobless rates up in 67 counties from April 2007 to April 2008

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EDITOR'S NOTE: April's preliminary and March's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/April08chart.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 28, 2008) — Unemployment rates rose in 67 Kentucky counties between April 2007 and April 2008, fell in 47 counties and remained the same in six counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.6 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 4 percent; Warren County, 4.3 percent; Mason and Scott counties, 4.4 percent each; Daviess and Jessamine counties, 4.5 percent each; and Boone, Madison, Oldham and Robertson counties, 4.6 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 10.8 percent. It was followed by Grayson County, 10.6 percent; Magoffin County, 9.3 percent; Clay and Menifee counties, 9.2 percent each; Lewis County, 8.7 percent; Wolfe County, 8.5 percent; McCreary County, 8.3 percent; and Lawrence and Morgan counties, 8.2 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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